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REMARKS


In further response to the Notice of Allowance mailed in this application on July 24, 2006, Applicants request clarification on Action requested by the Examiner. Specifically, the Notice of Allowance requested "corrected drawings" in response to a paper mailed on "6/14/2004." According to the file wrapper, no such paper exists. However, the drawing correction in the Appendix annexed hereto apparently was mailed 09/14/2004. That communication, signed 6/14/02, notes deficiencies in the drawings filed on 5/30/01. However, corrected drawings were in fact filed on February 5, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request clarification as to whether the drawings submitted on February 5, 2002 are acceptable. Since the issue fee is due on October 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully request a response at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 62001 (51588).

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S
PATENT DRAWING REVIEWThe drawing(s) filed (insert date) 5/30/01 are:A. 9 approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.B. 1 objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawing must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice.

<p>1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings:</p> <p>Black ink. Colors</p> <p>Color drawings are not acceptable until patent is granted. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b)</p> <p>1 full-size set is required. Fig(s) <u>11A-c 24-c 22</u></p> <p>Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(c) <u>CKN 11</u></p> <p>Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____</p> <p>3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(d)</p> <p>Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Embosses, alterations, overwritings, indelible marks, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Mylar, vellum paper is not acceptable (too thick). Fig(s) _____</p> <p>4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:</p> <p>21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4)</p> <p>21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)</p> <p>All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) _____</p> <p>Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:</p> <p>Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm</p> <p>SIZE: A4 Size</p> <p>Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm</p> <p>SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11</p> <p>Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Top (T) _____ Left (L) _____</p> <p>Right (R) _____ Bottom (B) _____</p> <p>6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)</p> <p>REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.</p> <p>Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(i)(2)</p> <p>Breaks needed to show figure as one entity. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Views not labeled separately or properly. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Enlarged view not labeled separately or properly. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84 (h)(3)</p> <p>Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Sectional designations should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____</p>	<p>8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)</p> <p>Views do not appear on 1 horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(j)</p> <p>Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(k)</p> <p>Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clear, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) _____</p> <p>11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)</p> <p>Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) <u>11A-c 24-c 22</u></p> <p>Shade lines, pale, rough and uneven. Fig(s) <u>11A-c 24-c 22</u></p> <p>12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(n)</p> <p>Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(o)(1) Fig(s) _____</p> <p>English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(o)(2) Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least .32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(o)(3) Fig(s) _____</p> <p>13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)</p> <p>Lead lines cross each other. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(r)</p> <p>Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____</p> <p>15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u)</p> <p>Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w)</p> <p>Corrections not made from prior PTO-448 dated _____</p> <p>17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152</p> <p>Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____</p> <p>Solid black shading not used for color contrast. Fig(s) _____</p>
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REMINDER

Drawing changes may also require changes in the specification, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B, Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawing, must likewise be changed. Please make such changes by 37 CFR 1.312 amendment at the time of submitting drawings.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES**1. Correction of Drawings - 37 CFR 1.85**

New corrected drawings must be filed with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings **MUST** be filed within the **THREE MONTH** shortened statutory period set for reply in the Notice of Allowability. Extensions of time may **NOT** be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b) for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability. The drawing should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addresses to the Official Draftsperson.

2. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by Draftsperson on form PTO-948.

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Draftsperson, **MUST** be made in the same manner as above except that, normally, a highlighted (preferably red ink) sketch of the changes to be incorporated into the new drawings **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed change.

Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit the drawings corrections within the time period set in the attached Office communication. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application.

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